

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Scull on July 15, 2010.

In the claims:

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~microorganism~~ yeast cell with the glycosyltransferase during culture fermentation is capable of producing higher amounts of the glycosylated form of the ~~aglycon~~ vanillin as compared to the amounts of the corresponding ~~aglycon~~ vanillin produced by the same ~~microorganism~~ yeast cell without the glycosyltransferase.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the yeast cell is a yeast cell selected from the group consisting of *Saccharomyces* spp., ~~*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*~~, and *Pichia* spp.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein the deglycosylating step b) of claim 1 takes place outside the growing cell following excretion or extraction of the glycosylated form of the ~~aglycon~~ vanillin produced in step a).

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the deglycosylating step b) ~~of claim 4~~ is an enzymatic process mediated by a beta-glucosidase.

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